

First Congregational Church of St. Albans (FCC) is a welcoming community of spiritual seekers, believers, and doubters.

Please know that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

To create an open and loving community that encourages a joyous exploration with God.

To work together to care for and nurture the wider community.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as a community resource church is to provide a safe place for spiritual exploration and personal growth. To affirm the value of each person and to meet them where they are.

To connect to the community through personal service, giving, and pastoral care.

Please feel free to contact us:

Administrative Office: Tuesday - Friday: 9am- 2pm

Church Office Phone Number: 802-524-4555

Pastor Jessica's Office Hours:

Friday 9:30am-2:30pm and by Appointment

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For urgent, pastoral matters outside of regular office hours, call Pastor Jessica at 207-632-5544.

Please note that Monday is Pastor Jessica's day off.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE IS BROADCAST OVER THE LOCAL PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 1079 ON SUNDAYS AT 4 PM.



"WE WELCOME YOU AND SERVE ALL THROUGH FAITH."

WORSHIP WITH US:

MARCH 29, 2026

10 A.M.

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CENTERING WORDS:

Remember, remember always, that all of us, and you and I especially, are descended from immigrants and revolutionists.

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

❖ BEGINNING OF SERVICE ❖**THE PREPARATION**

The beginning of the prelude is a call to enter into the spirit of prayer and community.

PRELUDE *Journey* (excerpt) S. Conrady

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNG CALL TO WORSHIP Bless the Lord, My Soul (Taizé)

***Bless the Lord, my soul
and Bless God's Holy name
Bless the Lord, my soul
who leads me into life.***

MORNING PRAYER¹ (LITANY)

One: Will you follow?

Will you lay down your coat?

Will you lay down something important?

Will you shout "Hosanna"?

Will you join the parade?

Will you sing, even if your throat is hoarse?

Will you cut down a palm branch?

Will you wave it in the air?

Will you follow the one riding on a donkey?

Will you let this good news inspire you to act?

All: We will. We will sing. We will pay close attention.

We will worship. We will follow.

One: Hosanna in the highest!

All: Hosanna in the highest.

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS: We are delighted that you chose to worship with us today and are strengthened by your participation in our service!

If you are new to First Congregational Church of St. Albans, please sign the guest book in the narthex (main entrance of the church).

If you would like more information about our church and its programs or would like to receive our Morning Reflections, and weekly e-newsletter, "From the Manse," please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the Offering tray (be sure to include your email address).

THIS SERVICE IS MADE POSSIBLE WITH THE GENEROUS PARTICIPATION OF:

GREETERS:

SCRIPTURE READER: Sandy Cristman

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Bonnie Bosley and Mary Bostwick

ACOLYTES: Kaia Newton, Mykala Pryor, and Ada Sanders

**After the service please join us for fellowship,
conversation, coffee, and refreshments.**

*PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

¹SANCTIFIED ARTS, LENT 2026

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Mission Highlight**The Welcome Home Initiative (WH):**

First Congregational Church of St. Albans is a founding member of WH. WH provides people transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties of Vermont with new- home essentials (mop, broom, dishes, cleaners, trash can, pots & pans, etc.)

The Welcome Home Initiative is a collaboration among:

- ★ First Congregational Church of St Albans
- ★ Grace Episcopal Church, Sheldon
- ★ St. Luke's Episcopal Church, St. Albans
- ★ Sheldon Interfaith Food Shelf
- ★ Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Swanton
- ★ Congregational Church of So. Hero
- ★ St. Martin's of Tours Inclusive Catholic Community
- ★ Our local Girl Scout Troop

WH works with local housing case workers from:

- ★ F/GI Community Action
- ★ Voices Against Violence
- ★ Samaritan House
- ★ Restorative Justice Center
- ★ Pathways
- ★ Reach-Up
- ★ Spectrum Youth and Family Services
- ★ NCSS

First Congregational Church functions as the fiscal agent, collection center and pick-up hub for the program. WH serves on average 6-7 individuals/families to be housed a month.

HYMN*

For the Beauty of the Earth

NCH 28

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE¹ (UNISON)

Jesus of Nazareth, we know that you spent your days teaching and healing. You marched through the streets and walked on water. You laid hands on the sick and broke bread at crowded dinner tables. Your good news was not confined to conversation. It was not confined to the Temple. Your good news was an act of love, alive in the world. Holy God, we long for a faith like that. Forgive us for the times when we confine our faith to something we think about, as opposed to something we act upon. Inspire us to love as you loved. Inspire us to act. With hope for tomorrow we pray, amen

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S

LOVE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE MESSAGE

TIME WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

ANTHEM *The Palms* Jean-Baptiste Faure

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 11:1-11

CONTEMPORARY READING

For The Sake of Tiny Resurrections Rev. Sara Speed

REFLECTION

You Say You Want a Revolution
Well you know . . .

HYMN*

Let Peace There Be Peace on Earth BB 35

THE THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER:

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord. D. Welpton

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE ~

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on thee.*
Scottish Psalter, 1615

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessing flow,
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, all heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE DEPARTURE

HYMN*

Lift High the Cross (1,3,5) NCH 198

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A Special Note of Gratitude From All of Us At FCC:

- Everyone who helped move the heavy furniture back into the Sanctuary- Thank you!
- Sandy Cristman Thank You for preparing the Sanctuary for the congregation's return today!

HOLY WEEK:

March 29, 10am: Palm Sunday in the Sanctuary

April 1, 6:30pm: Ecumenical Tenebrae Service @ St. Luke's

April 2, 6:30pm: Maundy Thursday Pot-Luck and Tenebrae Service in the Fellowship Hall.

April 5, 6:30am: Sunrise Service @ Hard'ack

April 5, 10am: Traditional Communion Service in the Sanctuary.

Mindful Awareness with Jonathan:

Thursday mornings 8-9am - Free

ZOOM Bible Study:

Wednesdays 7pm

No Bible Study April 1

(no joke!)

Wifi:

Sanctuary: sanctuary123

